

New or Noteworthy Species of Lichens from Shiga Prefecture, Central Japan

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Lepraria ohmiensis Kashiw., Keis. Kobay. & K. H. Moon is described from Prov. Ohmi (Shiga Pref.), central Japan. It is easily distinguished from allied species of *Lepraria* in having a thick thallus and in producing lecanoric acid and pannaric acid esters as major chemical substances. *Protoblastenia rupestris* (Scop.) Steiner is newly reported for Japan. A new locality of *Dictyocatenulata alba* Finley & E. F. Morris in Japan is reported.

Key words: *Dictyocatenulata alba*, Japan, *Lepraria ohmiensis*, lichen, *Protoblastenia rupestris*.

In 2008 and 2009, we had opportunities to make field studies of lichens in Shiga Prefecture in central Japan and collected ca. 300 specimens. Through detailed studies of them along with about 200 specimens collected in Shiga Prefecture and preserved in TNS, we have found a number of interesting lichens. Among them, *Dictyocatenulata alba*, a rare species in Japan, and *Protoblastenia rupestris*, which is new to Japan, are recorded in the present paper. In addition, *Lepraria ohmiensis* is described as a new species.

Dictyocatenulata alba Finley & E. F. Morris in Amer. Midl. Nat. 77: 201 (1967).

[Figs. 1A, 1B]

The characteristic features for this species are 1) crustose, grayish green, smooth thallus without isidia or soredia, 2) *Trentepohlia* as a photobiont, 3) single or branched, whitish to cream-colored synnemata to 1.5 mm high, 4)

subspherical to ellipsoid 10–20 celled colorless conidia, which are 8–15 × 8–10 µm and 5) absence of chemical substance.

This species had been recognized as a non-lichenized fungus by mycologists (Seifert et al. 1987). Recently, however, it was confirmed as a lichenized fungus (hyphomycetes) though the taxonomic position is still unclear (Aptroot and Schiefelbein 2003, Diederich et al. 2008). Although this species has been widely distributed in tropical and temperate regions in the world (Seifert et al. 1987) usually at elevations above ca. 500 m, it has been known only at two localities in Japan, Wakayama and Okinawa Prefectures.

In the present work, we found a well developed colony of this species on bark of *Acer shirasawanum* at elevation about 1270 m, near the top of Mt. Ibuki, where it grows together with *Graphis rikuzensis* (Vain.) M. Nakan., *Parmelia marmorata* Nyl. and

Phaeophyscia pyrrophora (Poelt) D. D. Awasthi & M. Joshi.

Specimen examined. Japan. Honshu. Prov. Ohmi (Shiga Pref.): Around the summit area, Mt. Ibuki, Maibara, on bark of *Acer shirasawanum*, elevation 1270 m, November 10, 2008, H. Kashiwadani 48941 (TNS).

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[Figs. 1C, 1D]

Similis *Lepraria membranacea* sed differt thallis uniformis, non-subfoliaceis, hypothallus albis et acidiis lecanoricis et pannaricis continentibus.

Thallus saxicolous or muscicolous, grayish white, continuous, never forming

subfoliaceous lobes in periphery, sorediate. Soralia subgranular, up to 0.7 mm in diameter. Hypothallus present, white to pale brown. Apothecia not seen.

Type. Japan, Prov. Ohmi (Shiga Pref.): Kawachi-no-fuketsu, Taga-cho, Inukami-gun. On calcareous rocks, elevation about 350 m, July 14, 2008, H. Kashiwadani 48750 (TNS-holotype).

Chemistry: lecanoric acid (major), pannaric acid 6-methyl ester (major), 4-oxypannaric acid 6-methyl ester (major), atranorin (minor), constictic acid (minor), stictic acid (trace) and salazinic acid (trace); chemistry was confirmed by J. Elix (pers. comm.).

Lepraria ohmiensis resembles *L. mem-*

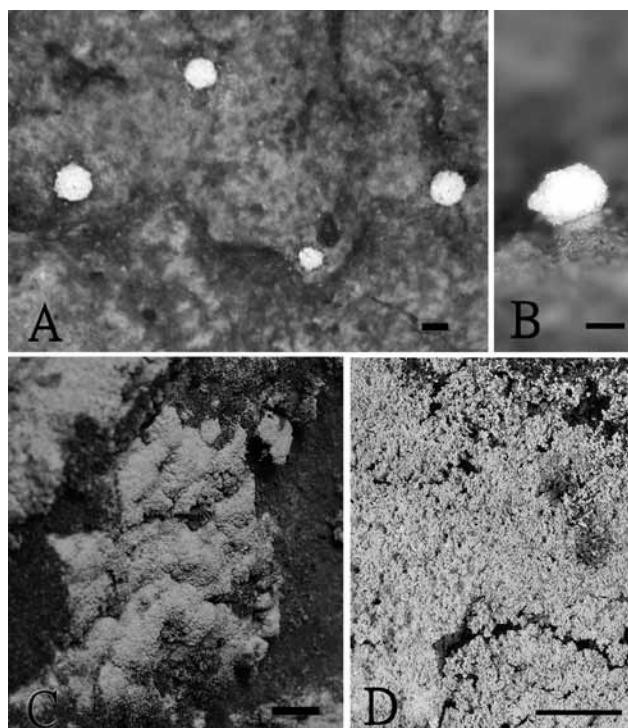


Fig. 1. A. Habit of *Dictyocatenulata alba*, showing scattered synnemata. B. Close up of a synnema. A, B. H. Kashiwadani 48941 (TNS). C. Habit of *Lepraria ohmiensis*, showing thalli over mosses on calcareous rock. D. Crustose thallus of *L. ohmiensis* without definite lobes. C, D. H. Kashiwadani 48750 (TNS). Bars = 0.5 mm (A, B), 1 cm (C, D).

branacea, a species widely distributed in the Northern Hemisphere. However, it can be easily distinguished from the latter by the white to pale hypothallus and by the production of lecanoric acid and pannaric acid esters as major chemical substances. It might be confused with *L. impossibilis* Sipman reported from Central and South America, in having lecanoric and pannaric acid derivatives. The latter species, however, differ in forming delimited thallus margin and lobes.

Lepraria ohmiensis grows on calcareous rocks or over mosses, just outside of a cave. It forms rather large colonies on the type locality, but has not been found in any other locality in Japan.

Other specimens examined. (locality is the same with the type), November 13, 2008, H. Kashiwadani 48873 (TNS).

Protoblastenia rupestris (Scop.) Steiner in Cat. Lich. Univ. 7: 151 (1930).

Characteristic features for this species are 1) dirty white to pale buff crustose thallus with cracks and areoles, 2) saxicolous habit growing on calcareous rocks, 3) orange-brown, biatorine, convex apothecia without definite margin, up to 1.2 mm in diameter, 4) 1-celled, colorless ascospores, 10–17 × 5–8 µm.

In Japan, it might be confused with *Protoblastenia amagiensis* Räsänen reported from Mt. Amagi, Japan (Type collection: Mt. Amagi, Prov. Suruga, Japan, September 4, 1992, TNS !), which differs in having flat apothecia with smaller spores less than 6 µm in length and in the corticolous habit.

Although this species is widely distributed in the Northern Hemisphere (Purvis et al.

1992), it has never been reported from Japan. In the present area, it often grows on calcareous rocks around the summit area of Mt. Ibuki.

Specimen examined. Japan. Honshu. Prov. Ohmi (Shiga Pref.): Around the summit area, Mt. Ibuki, Maibara, on calcareous rocks, elevation 1300 m, November 10, 2008, H. Kashiwadani 48942 (TNS).

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で見つかった地衣類の新種及び稀種

Dictyocatenulata alba Finley & E. F. Morris (サン
トクチイ, 新称) 地衣化しない不完全糸状菌と
してすでに日本から報告されていた (Seifert et
al. 1987) が, Diederich 等 (2008) の研究により
地衣化菌であることが確かめられた. 日本の産
地としては和歌山県と沖縄県が知られており,
このたび滋賀県伊吹山山頂近くのオオイタヤメ
イゲツの幹にも多産することが確認された. 地
衣体は固着性で帶黃緑色, 分生子柄束は肌色,
長さ 1 mm ほどで頂端には類白色の分生子塊を
生じる.

Lepraria ohmiensis Kashiw., Keis. Kobay. & K. H.
Moon (アツミチイ, 新称) 地衣体は固着性,
綿毛状の集まりからなる. 明瞭な裂片は全く発
達せず, 多くの粉芽塊をつける. 仮性菌糸は淡

色で主な地衣成分としてレカノール酸とパンナ
リン酸を持つ. 日本産の *Lepraria lobificans* も同
様の成分を持つが地衣体縁部が明瞭で裂片を持
つて区別できる.

Protoblastenia rupestris (Scop.) Steiner (セッカイ
ニセザクロゴケ, 新称) 石灰岩生の固着地衣類
で亀裂を生じる地衣体と半球状に突出した裸子
器を持ち, 単室, 無色の胞子を持つので他の類
似種から容易に区別できる. 日本の他の石灰岩
地にも産すると思われるが, これまでに日本か
ら報告された記録はない.

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